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## **New Information on Civilian Burn Injury in the Silver Fire**

As firefighters continue to make good progress on the 19,000 acre Silver Fire burning in Riverside County, new information is available on an area resident who was burned by the fire.

While responding to the fire on Wednesday afternoon, Peace Officers from CAL FIRE and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) came upon a civilian on Wolfskill Truck Trail, south of the Old Banning Idyllwild Rd, just south of Banning who had been seriously burned by the fire. The burn victim had been mountain biking on a rural road when he was overrun by the fast-moving wildfire. The victim was trying to escape the fire area and seek help when the responding officers heard his cries.

The victim sustained serious burn injuries. Fire Personnel quickly removed the individual from the fire area to a ground ambulance. The victim was then transferred to a Mercy Air Ambulance and was flown to the Burn Center at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton.

The victim's current condition is not known by fire officials. The victim does not appear to be involved in the start of the fire, which remains under investigation.

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